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The Democratic state convention is on. No advance news such as is afloat can be relied on but it can be stated without data that it will be first and last, an unprecedented convocation. If Democratic partisanship is not practically wiped out it will be the wonder of many who have led the party to victory in the state in years past. The Democratic State Central Committee could not have deliberately done more harmful things, if indeed its rulings were not preconceived efforts to put Republicans in control of all state and district offices, than it has promulgated ever since the present committee was formed. Backing up from its rule that women should select their own half of the delegates to county and state conventions and then have an equal voice with men in the selection of the other half, the committee did not get far enough back by the "interpretation" of the order sent out later. By what authority, any way, did the committee direct that one half, as nearly as practicable, of delegates to county and state conventions should be women when women are not entitled to vote except for presidential electors in the state and that right reasonably questioned? If they cannot vote to name electors, how can they qualify as voters in mass meetings, much less serve as delegates to conventions? And if women are not legally qualified to vote and are therefore not eligible as delegates, what about the men delegates who were named by women in mass meetings and county conventions? Are they in any different position?

Practically all over the state lifelong Democrats refused to attend mass meetings and county conventions because they did not feel disposed to mix with discredited politicians in control of women nor to countenance the new order of things political, short lived as they know the innovation will be even if the referendum of the questions of suffrage and prohibition are defeated by the same methods employed to obtain the measure of these political questions now "enjoyed" by radicals. If the referendum is permitted and the voters in the state have a chance to again express themselves on the subjects of prohibition and suffrage, no one is surer of the outcome than those who are bending every effort to prevent. They are not Democrats even in name who object to the rule of the majority and of this ilk are Shupp and Jones who nearly defeated governor Gardner and Hay who is their second lieutenant. Of course we all know that the fight on senator Jas. A. Reed is attributed to his attitude towards the administration but in reality is because he opposed woman suffrage and prohibition.

How can consistency be claimed by those who oppose senator Reed because of his opposition to the Volstead bill, yet who laud president Wilson who vetoed that bill? Such radicals are supporting congress who fell over each other to pass the bill over the veto of the president and in record time. The opposition to senator Jas. A. Reed is of exactly the same sort that assailed senator Wm. Stone and as extensive and as senator Stone, senator Reed will defy and disperse it. Senator Stone was against prohibition, against nearly everything president Wilson proposed until a majority spoke and as has senator Reed, fell in line and became among the most useful in congress and to the administration and everything for the interest of the people. How many of those who have witnessed conditions political like those now obtaining but who would like to live a year or two longer to hear the encomiums which will be universally delivered on senator Jas. A. Reed for his fearless and effective stand for his country.

The Bravest of The Brave

When Napoleon, with his little band of survivors, had reached a place of safety after the retreat from Moscow he found that Ney had not arrived and turned back into the whitened plains of death from which he had escaped, to rescue his marshal and the staggering but dauntless band of heroes who were with him. When they fought their way together the great emperor threw his arms around his heroic marshal and hailed him "the bravest of the brave." It was a distinction to be thus singled out from the tens of thousands who had scorned death on a hundred battle fields and the world today forgetting that Ney was Duke of Elchingen, Prince of Moskwa, marshal and peer of France, remembers him as "the bravest of brave" and as such his fame will endure.

We would not take one leaf from the laurel crown the world places on the brow of the man who risks his life for his country. He is worthy of all the admiration a grateful people can give but peace as well as war has its heroes. A patriot loves his country at all times and if he is a patriot mind and heart and soul—a patriot in every fiber of his flesh and every drop of his blood—he does not need the excitement that hurries the soldier to victory or the grave, to make him throw his life between his country and that which threatens it with harm. He is ready for the fight always, and, whatever the cost may be, he is ready to pay the bill.

James A. Reed, senator from Missouri, is now speeding to the state of his adoption to answer the call of duty there as has answered it elsewhere and is answering it every day. He has traveled through Florida and left a trail of enthusiasm and applause behind him. But much better for the country and therefore much more valued by him is the fact that he has left conviction in his path.

When the covenant of the league of nations had reached the senate, after delay could no longer keep it in the dark, he saw it was not an instrumentality of peace but one of war. He saw that it would involve this country in all the disputes of Europe and that it offered no compensation to Americans for all the sacrifices it demanded of them. He knew that the slush talk about our duty to humanity meant more graves in Europe filled by America's bravest and best and more blinding tears and breaking hearts in American homes where wives and mothers wept for those who would never come again. Others saw this too, but were afraid. He saw it and began to fight—the fight for America and Americans.

The fight against the adoption of the covenant of the league of nations is a Democratic fight for it was begun by James A. Reed, who never voted other than a Democratic ticket and never shaded a Democratic principle. His fellow Democrats with scarcely an exception accepted the orders of the president and put their own opinions aside, and when they did this they put America aside. The Republicans were afraid of the question and evaded it for a time. Other senators considered their political futures—James A. Reed ignored himself and considered the United States of America and the men and women who had made it the greatest nation on the globe.

Every influence was arrayed against him. The international bankers "who had vision enough to see across the Atlantic" and who could see a dollar further than that wanted this country to enter the league to bolster up their investments. Peace societies, influenced in part by a dreamy altruism and in part by the money of the multi-millionaires who had endowed them joined in the man from Missouri stood firm.

Was he honest? He seemed to be sacrificing his own future. The Democratic executive committee of his own state condemned him and tried to drive him from his purpose, but he stood firm. For centuries the waves have been beating against the Rock of Gibraltar, but it stands. So this human rock stood and still stands and now the waves are receding. The eyes of the people are being opened and now millions see clearly and day by day their number is increased. To the senator from Missouri most of the credit belongs. Senator from Missouri? No state is big enough for such a man. James A. Reed has earned the right to be known as the senator from America.

—The Florida Times-Union.

Prairie Hill

The "tract meet" at Prairie Hill last Friday was carried out nicely and all reported a good time.

Miss Eunice McMahan came back from Moberly last week where she visited her brother and his new bride.

Misses Mekey Dameron and Josephine Baker of Moberly visited relatives here last week.

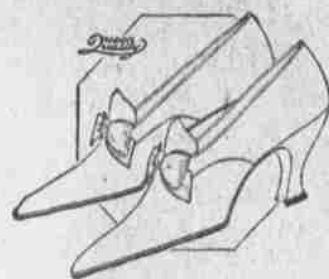
George Shawk has a new Ford car.

Final Settlement Notice

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of Harrison Payne deceased, are hereby notified that at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in May 1920, at the Court House in Keytesville, in said county, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

Julia A. Payne, Administratrix

The building next the Hughes drug store is ready for occupancy by Garnett and Adams.



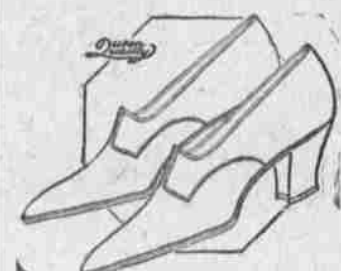
Black Kid or Patent long vamp, covered Louis heel, one eye tie \$10.50
Also in Brown, Kid, leather Louis heel, three eye tie \$9.00
Similar style in oxford \$8 to \$13



High tongue pump, a perfect fitting brown pump, it hugs the arch. Long slim vamp flexible sole, Louis heel \$9.00
Similar style black colonial buckle \$8.00



Brown Kid ties, long slender vamp, very flexible sole, Louis heel plain or stitched tip \$9
Also in oxfords military heel, wing stitched tip \$9.00
Black kid same \$8 to \$11



Service kid pump, flexible welt sole Cuban heel long vamp they fit the foot, \$10.50
Other grades similar style \$5 up

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Pumps
and
Ties
Just
Arrived

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Brunswick, Mo.

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Creditors and all others interested in the estate of William Remmert, deceased, are hereby notified that at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in May, 1920, at the Court House in Keytesville, in said County, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

A. F. Remmert, Executor.

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Bill Oldham returned Wednesday from several days visit to K. City. Bill can get along in the city for two or three days but after that he becomes curious about "widders" Hyde, Hirsch and Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dotson of K. City came Saturday for a visit to relatives. Gordon has not been here for 8 years and would not have made the trip now but for being laid off by the strike.

Final Settlement Notice

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of George G. Schulte deceased, are hereby notified that at the next Regular term of the Chariton County Probate court, to be begun and held on the Second Monday in May 1920 at the Court House in Keytesville, in said County, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

J. B. Schulte, Administrator.

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Drag the roads.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Mrs. Joe Nesley of Mendon will undergo an operation in K. City this week for gall stones.

Miss Almeria Miller closed her school near Shannondale last week. She will attend normal at Kirksville during the summer and teach again somewhere the coming term.

How Is Your Complexion?

A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to baths diet and exercise, and by keeping her liver and bowels in good working order. If you are haggard and yellow, your eyes losing their lustre and white becoming yellowish, your flesh flabby, it may be due to indigestion or to a sluggish liver. Chamberlain's Tablets correct these disorders.

Mike News

Not much news this week but a whole lot of rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Young spent Sunday at the home of Lloyd Perry's.

Mrs. Ringer of near Indian Grove spent last week with her daughter Mrs. L. W. Neighbors.

Ed Cavanaugh of near Pee Dee spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Billy Robinson.

Important

Our stock of CLOTHING and Furnishing Goods was never more complete than at this time. It will be to your interest as well as ours for you to look through our stock before making your seasons purchases. We feature Kuppenheimer clothes, Stetson Hats and Manhattan Shirts. Just received a big lot of Phoenix lace hose

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Automobile painting a specialty this season
New Tops and side curtains.

Back and side lights of either celluloid or plate glass.

Washable Seat Covers protects your upholstery.

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J. C. Jenkins